

We registered with Indiana's Do Not Call List to keep unwanted callers from soliciting us by telephone. Period! Translated in plain English that means WE DO NOT WANT TO BE CALLED!! Before Indiana's Do Not Call List, we were receiving 12 to 20 calls per day, in spite of the fact, that we had requested to be on each and every business or charitable entity's do not call list!! We have never purchased from, nor contributed to, any telephone solicitor; but that didn't stop them from calling us. We told them we would take our business elsewhere if they didn't stop their telephone harassment of us; but that didn't stop them from calling us. We did take our business elsewhere; but that didn't stop them from calling us. We've had a non-published phone number for years; but it's worthless, since businesses commonly "share" our phone number with others for the right price. Purchasing Caller ID from our telephone company didn't help either because telemarketers can easily purchase software from our telephone company that masks their identity from the caller ID, which our telephone company sold us to help us stop unwanted calls! Praise to the Almighty Corporate Dollar!

At the very least, these unwanted calls constitute harassment, trespass and a total disregard for our property rights, since we own our telephone equipment and we pay to lease our telephone lines. We have the legal right to keep unwanted people from entering our property and have them arrested if they don't comply. It doesn't matter whether they try to force their way in through the front door, sneak in through the back door, break in through a window, or slither in through our telephone line. They are denying us our legal right to the quiet enjoyment of our property. But they do far more damage than that! They deny children their much-needed naps. They deny second and third shifters their eight hours of sleep, thereby forcing them to drive in a sleep-deprived state, which is a leading cause of traffic accidents. They cause pain and suffering to people who are ill, recovering from surgery or handicapped. Speaking from experience, it is impossible to answer the telephone without enduring excruciating pain when one's back is broken; but explaining that to them didn't stop them from calling us.

In fact, virtually NOTHING STOPPED THEM FROM CALLING US until Indiana passed their Do Not Call legislation! The federal law is no substitute for Indiana's law. Perhaps those who want to weaken our law should be held accountable for ALL OF THE DESTRUCTION resulting from this gross invasion of our right to privacy.